

REMARKS

According to the Office Action, claims 16-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. More specifically, it is alleged that the term "carbureted" is misleading. In response, claims 18, 21, 22, and 32 are amended to delete reference to the term "carbureted" in the claims. Claims 16, 19 and 42 are cancelled

According to the Office Action, claims 16, 42, 48 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,517,976 issued to Bachle et al. Also, claims 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over the Bachle Patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,959 issued to Digeser et al. In addition, claims 32 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over the Bachle Patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,959 issued to Glassey. In response, these claims, i.e., claims 16, 17, 19, 32,, 42, 45, 48 and 49, are cancelled.

Claims 18, 20-31, 33-41, 43, 44, 46 and 47 were not rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103. In a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned patent attorney, the Examiner indicated that claims not rejected based on prior art are allowable in view of the cited prior art references. Therefore, some of these claims are rewritten (i.e. claims 18, 20-22, 25, 26, 28,

29, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 43, and 44) so that all pending claims do not depend on any rejected claims.

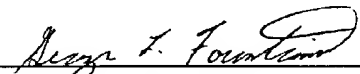
Accordingly, this patent application should now be in condition for allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 080443.49593US).

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